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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract to read as follows.

A | "Automated search technique for discovering patent-relevant publications on the Internet. A search client resident on an end-user station initiates linked searches for patent language and Web documents in a manner non-transparent to a user. From the user's perspective, a patent-identifying attribute, such as an inventor name, assignee name or patent